GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND BRAZIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between India and Brazil to reduce the dependence on oil and to increase the production of Ethanol in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits likely to be accrued to the country therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) Government had entered into a memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Federative Republic of Brazil on April 8, 2002 for enhancing their cooperation in the field of ethanol blending with transport fuels, on the basis of equality and mutual advantage, and identify desirable areas of cooperation, taking into account the experience gained by subject experts and the possibilities available. A team from Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) visited Brazil in September 2006 to explore the possibilities of acquiring sugarcane acreage and putting up ethanol manufacturing industrial units in Brazil.